

Essex Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday April 20, 2022
7:00 pm at the library

ATTENDANCE: Caitlin Corless, Victoria Tibbits, Bonnie Doble, Janet Watts, Marie Froeschl, Lorna Swerhone, Mike Yandow, Iris Banks

Regrets: Joan Janzen

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
Last month's minutes were approved (motion by Marie/Iris).

Welcome Victoria Tibbits, Interim Director.

New Business

- Bonnie, Janet, and Iris' terms are ending. There was discussion about reviewing current roles and tasks on the Board of Trustees as well as revisiting the by-laws of the Friends of the Library (501c-3).
- Kayla Hoffman will be taking over Emily Wilmers' role of Assistant Librarian.
- There is a new round of ARPA funding with a focus on accessibility. An accessible picnic table will be ordered. Also there was discussion about funding the building of a structure to contain the trash cans. The budget needs to be submitted by May 11.
- *The "Step In and Come Together" on May 15 from 2-5 is an opportunity for residents to meet new people in the community and learn about local government, including the boards and committees that support decision-making. Activities will feature guest speakers, food, music and art. The municipal boards and committees from the Town and the Village are invited to set up a display table. This is an awesome opportunity for outreach, to talk about what your committee is working on, to answer questions, and to recruit members of the community to take part in the work you are doing. You're welcome to provide giveaways, handouts, display boards, etc. Tables will be set up inside at the T-Rex theater, 21 Essex Way #300.*

Iris will submit an application for a table on behalf of the EFL. We are planning to have a tablecloth with our logo, library card registration forms, stickers, bookmarks, and perhaps a raffle of tote bags. We plan to promote the book and plant sale, and the Friends Committee. Please email Iris with any other suggestions.

- We discussed the idea of having a puzzle swap. Iris will follow up with Victoria.

Old Business

- Covid guidelines and mask policies will continue with no changes.

- The book and plant sale will be held at Memorial Hall on June 4. Plants from ~~9-3~~ 9-2 and books from ~~2-7~~ 9-3. There are still a lot of volunteer slots open. Lorna will ask Price Chopper supermarket, and Hannafords supermarkets in Essex and Williston for plant donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 (motion by Marie/Mike).